

Prediction Profits

LESSON FIVE

by

Sarah Rhinegold

No experience required!

Astrology Part I

This comprehensive ten-part course is a guide to earning big money from fortune telling. Discover secret techniques handed down through the ages, including how to predict lucky numbers that you can use in today's world for winning the lottery!

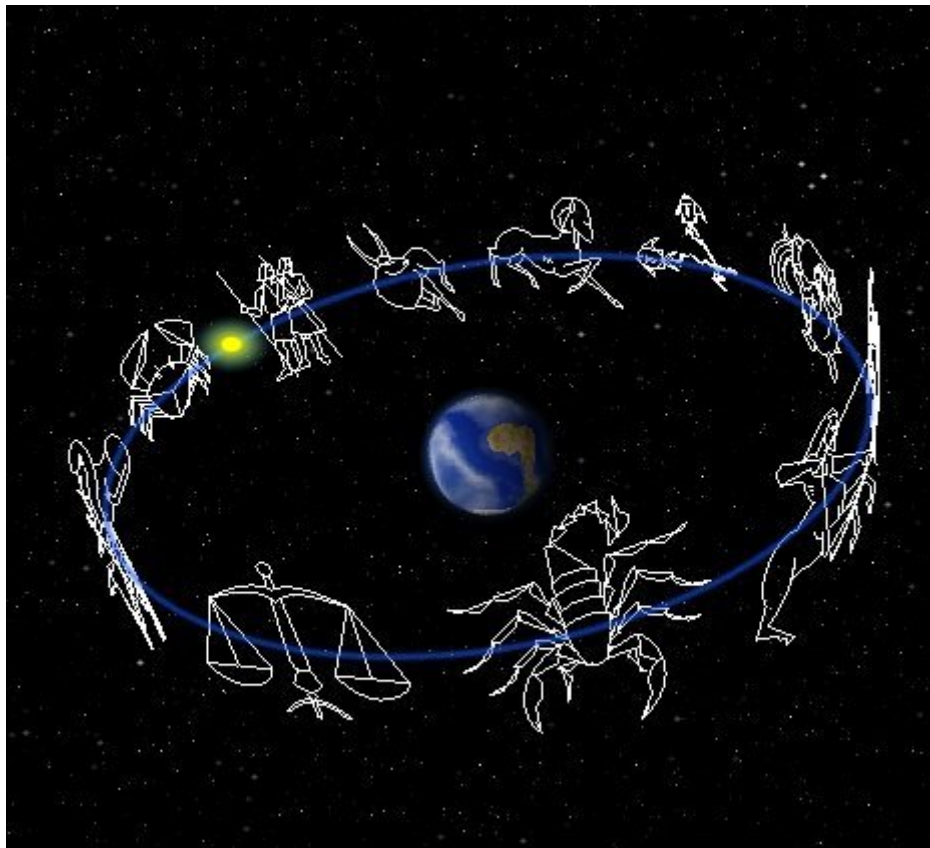
For legal reasons we are obliged to state the following:


Disclaimer: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the sellers are providing this written material, its subsidiary elements and its contents on an 'as is' basis and make no (and expressly disclaim all) representations or warranties of any kind with respect to this material or its contents including, without limitation, advice and recommendations, warranties or merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. The information is given for entertainment purposes only. In addition, we do not represent or warrant that the information accessible via this material is accurate, complete or current. To the fullest extent permitted by law, neither the sellers or any of its affiliates, partners, directors, employees or other representatives will be liable for damages arising out of or in connection with the use of this material. This is a comprehensive limitation of liability that applies to all damages of any kind, including (without limitation) compensatory, direct, indirect or consequential damages, loss of data, income or profit, loss of or damage to property and claims of third parties.

This course is sold for entertainment purposes only and the author, publishers and/or distributors are not responsible for any actions taken as a result of reading this course.

V080501

Astrology Part I





Welcome and a huge ‘Thank You’ for purchasing Lesson Five of ‘Prediction Profits’. Let’s continue with revealing ancient secrets and knowledge of the art of fortune telling so you can join the ranks of high earners in this billion pound worldwide industry.

The Secrets of Astrology

In this lesson you will begin to study astrology. This course of study will occupy the whole of Lessons Five, Six and Seven.

I am going to explain the history of western astrology. You will learn about the zodiac, the planets, the houses and all the other important aspects of astrology. In the next two lessons you will learn how to construct and interpret a natal or birth chart, produce a newspaper style horoscope and then study how to market this service successfully and profitably.

What You Will Achieve

By the end of this lesson you will understand exactly what astrology is, how it works and have all the basic information you need to begin to prepare astrological readings.

The Background to Astrology

The aim of this course is to make the study and application of astrology as simple and user-friendly as possible. If you have tried to understand astrology before but have been bewildered by books which take a very complex or scientific approach to the subject then you will find that this lesson takes a different approach.

I will concentrate on explaining the basics of astrology, before going on to discuss how they are used in the next lesson. If you want to learn more about the more complex, scientific aspects of astrology then I will recommend some suitable text books later in the course.

The History of Astrology

Astrology is an ancient practice which, although different civilisations seemed to have developed independently, produces a remarkably similar outcome.

The Chaldeans, who lived in Babylonia, developed one of the original forms of astrology as early as 3,000 BC. The Chinese were known to be practising astrology by 2,000 BC. Other types of astrology were developed in ancient India and among the Mayan people in Central America. These people observed that certain astronomical bodies, particularly the sun, affected the change of seasons and the success of crops.



Based on the careful observation and recording of what they saw in nature these ancient people developed a broader system by which the movements of other bodies such as the planets affected or represented additional aspects of life.

By around 500 BC, astrology was being used in Greece where philosophers like Pythagoras and Plato practised astrology as a recognised science alongside astronomy. Astrology was widely practised in Europe through the Middle Ages and was relied upon by politicians, statesmen and rulers of the time as the main and most reliable way of forecasting future events.

In the early days, most students viewed astrology as a definite science, with fixed and rigid laws. However, during the 1500s research undertaken by astronomers such as Copernicus and Galileo brought some of this belief into question. The discovery that, for example, the other planets were in orbit around the sun and not around the earth challenged the fundamentals of astrology.

Since then, although astrology has no longer been regarded as a science like, for example, physics, its value has continued to be proven.

Astrology is widely understood, practised and believed by people throughout the world.

Basic Principles

The simplest explanation of astrology is that it is the study of how events on earth correspond to the positions and movements of astronomical bodies (the planets).

- Astrologers believe that the position of astronomical bodies at the exact moment of a person's birth and the subsequent movements of those bodies, reflect that person's character and, therefore, their destiny. This is due to the forces exerted by those planets in the position in which they are found at the time.
- The easiest way to think of this is to think of the various planets moving in orbit all giving out a myriad of different (and similar) forces and generating a unique atmosphere or aura on earth which constantly changes with the changing and inter-relating orbits. This aura affects how each of us thinks and behaves, based on the conditions existing at our birth. Another way to view this is that the planets positions merely reflect a wider synchronicity in universal events and do not *cause* change as such. In scientific terms it is correlation, not causation.



The Birth or Natal Chart

Astrologers create a birth or natal chart – commonly known as a horoscope – which maps the position of astronomical bodies at certain times, normally at the time a person was born. A horoscope is built up around a circle called the **ecliptic**. The ecliptic is the plane on which the earth orbits around the sun each year.

This is divided into twelve sections, called the signs of the zodiac, which relate to a twelfth of each year and which have been given the familiar names.

Here are the signs of the zodiacs with their symbols:

Aries



Taurus



Gemini



Cancer



Leo



Virgo





Libra



Scorpio



Sagittarius



Capricorn



Aquarius



Pisces



The Planets

Astrologers link every planet (in astrology the **sun and the moon are regarded as planets**, as the study dates from the days when this is what they were considered to be) with a particular sign, depending on where that planet appears on the ecliptic at the time for which the horoscope is set.

Each planet represents basic human motivations and each sign represents a set of human characteristics. When astrologers designate a person as a certain sign, such as a Gemini or a Libra for example, they are referring to the person's sun sign – that is, **the sign that the sun occupied at the time of the person's birth**. By that, astrologers mean the constellation of distant stars which was behind the sun at the time.



The Ptolemaic System

The construction of a horoscope is based on the Ptolemaic system, in which the earth is stationary and the heavenly bodies move around it in fixed patterns – a situation which was thought to exist before scientists discovered otherwise, but which is still perfectly valid in astrology as this is what *appears* to happen.

The **horoscope is also divided into twelve ‘houses’**, which make up the 24 hour period during which the earth rotates once on its axis.

Each house deals with certain areas of a person’s life, such as:

- Partnerships.
- Career and travel.
- Astrologers make predictions by interpreting the position of astronomical bodies within the signs and houses of the horoscope.
- Once the particular sign and houses relating to an individual have been established, the individual characteristics of the heavenly bodies, modified by the geometrical relationship between them, are used to foretell events in the life of the individual for whom the horoscope has been drawn.

Checklist

Key Points So Far:

- Astrology is an ancient practice used for over thousands of years.
- Astrology explores the relationship between an individual and the positions of the astronomical bodies around us.
- The birth chart is the key towards fortune telling using astrology.

In the rest of this lesson I will cover the various components that go together to produce a birth chart. In Lesson Six you will then go on to study how to bring them together to create a chart and give a professional fortune telling reading.

The Birth Data

This is the simplest component of an astrological calculation.

To produce a horoscope for any individual you will need:

- **Their date of birth** - This is normally quite easy to discover, although care must be taken in the case of clients born ‘around midnight’.
- **Their time of birth** - This is calculated according to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), regardless of the actual clock time in the place



where the individual was born. This can be more difficult to calculate but it is an easy formula.

- **Their place of birth** - This is not normally difficult to discover, but it then has to be represented as a latitude and a longitude, which again can be more difficult.

It is better if this information is exact. If it is not exact then you can still construct an astrological chart and prepare a horoscope according to the simple proviso that the less accurate the raw data the less accurate the horoscope.

At this stage you should be thinking in terms of how you will collect this information for each of your clients. I will discuss how to process the information in the next lesson.

Understanding the Planets

To recap:

- An essential principle of astrology is that an individual's personality and future is related to the position of the planets at the time they were born and at various points in the future. Each of the planets is said to represent certain forces and exert influences of a certain character. This can be either positive or negative, depending on the relationship of the planets at the time.
- In this section I will provide you with a brief introduction to the characteristics of each planet and the corresponding symbol. You will discover more as you gain more experience and as you begin to read other books on the subject, for astrology is quite a far-reaching discipline.

The Sun



The sun represents purpose and activity.

The sun represents the masculine side of life – strength, will power, dominance.

Positive influences of the Sun:

- Expressive.
- Purposeful and Determined.
- Self reliant.
- Results-orientated.
- Ambitious.

Negative influences of the Sun:

- Authoritarian and Aggressive.
- Dominant and Bossy.



The Moon



The moon represents adaptability and fluidity.

The moon represents the feminine side of life and is sensitive to the environment around it, able to adapt to changing circumstances.

Positive influences of the Moon:

- Adaptable.
- Aware.
- Sensitive.
- Protective.
- Tenacious.
- Imaginative.
- Romantic.
- Caring.

Negative influences of the Moon:

- Vulnerable.
- Unstable.
- Moody and Neurotic.
- Submissive.
- Romantic and Dreamy.

Mercury



Mercury is the planet of communication.

The role of Mercury is to encourage communication and/or dialogue. It is related to the gathering, processing and dissemination of information.

Positive influences of Mercury:

- Communicative and Sociable.
- Analytical.
- Presentable.
- Shrewd.
- Ordered and Organised.



Negative influences of Mercury:

- Excitable and too Talkative.
- Nervous.
- Compulsive.
- Critical.
- Misleading.

Venus ♀

Venus is the planet of evaluation and understanding.

The role of Venus is to understand and to form relationships, links and partnerships, especially social.

Positive influences of Venus:

- Co-operative.
- Attractive.
- Understanding.
- Sympathetic and empathetic.
- Compassionate and caring.
- Friendly and Sociable.
- Loving.

Negative influences of Venus:

- Indulgent.
- Overbearing.
- Disagreeable.
- Immoral.
- Possessive.
- Seductive.

Mars ♂

Mars is the planet of energy and exertion.

The role of Mars is to encourage and stimulate activity ‘above and beyond the call of duty’. To encourage the individual to do, to try, to exert, whether in a mental or physical capacity, to fight against all the odds, no matter how insurmountable they might be. Mars is often associated with great generals and successful athletes.



Positive influences of Mars:

- Assertive.
- Energetic.
- Powerful.
- Competitive.
- Great strength, Stamina and Endurance.
- Vitality.
- Pioneering.

Negative influences of Mars:

- Impatient and Over-excited.
- Reckless and Impetuous.
- Militant.
- Restless.
- Excessive.

Jupiter ♃

Jupiter is the planet of development or increase.

The role of Jupiter is to foster improvement, to encourage success, achievement and growth, whether mental, social or material. Jupiter occurring in a chart indicates a capacity to succeed or enjoy, beyond whatever level of status, wealth or development an individual currently enjoys.

Positive influences of Jupiter:

- Optimistic and Positive.
- Enthusiastic.
- Ambitious.
- Progressive.
- Determined and Single minded.
- Capable.

Negative influences of Jupiter:

- Uncompromising.
- Idealist.
- Opportunistic.
- Exaggerated.
- Overblown.



- Extravagant and Excessive.
- Exhibitionist.
- Reckless.

Saturn ♄

Saturn is the planet of structure and form.

The role of Saturn is to control and direct our energy into a purposeful, ordered and constructive form. Its role is to regulate our ideas and our actions, to encourage self-reliance and responsibility. Saturn is very often associated with the law and with government.

Positive influences of Saturn:

- Realistic.
- Practical.
- Protective.
- Organised and Structured.
- Disciplined and Ordered.
- Serious.
- Equitable.
- Reliable.
- Obedient.

Negative influences of Saturn:

- Pessimistic and Unenthusiastic.
- Inhibited.
- Inactive.
- Restrained.
- Constrained.
- Limited and Narrow-minded.
- Apathetic.
- Unimaginative and Dull.
- Uncompromising.
- Lack of compassion.

Uranus ♅

Uranus is the planet of deviation, of change.



The role of Uranus is to persuade us to look beyond limitations and boundaries, such as those imposed by Saturn. It promotes exploration, development and expansion. It indicates an ability to deviate from the norm, from the accepted and explore new and original ideas and actions.

Positive influences of Uranus:

- Independent and Reliant.
- Unconventional.
- Forthright.
- Enquiring and Inquisitive.
- Ambitious.
- Adventurous.
- Brave.

Negative influences of Uranus:

- Impatient.
- Restless.
- Reckless.
- Impetuous.
- Ill-disciplined and Rebellious.
- Ill-prepared.
- Fanatical.
- Erratic.
- Unreliable.
- Abnormal and Strange.

Neptune ♆

Neptune is the planet of refinement.

Neptune's position in the chart relates to the potential for achievement, inspiration and excellence. It is said that Neptune rules both brilliance and insanity!

Positive influences of Neptune:

- Refinement.
- Sensitivity.
- Perfection.
- Idealism.



- Culture.
- Sentiment.
- Understanding.
- Appreciation.

Negative influences of Neptune:

- Shy.
- Touchy.
- Nervous and Unstable.
- Absent-minded and Forgetful.
- Vague.
- Disordered.
- Gullible.
- Addictive.
- Dependent.

Pluto



Pluto is the planet of superiority or supremacy, the ability to ‘rise above’.

The role of Pluto is to seek the infinite, the ultimate, to achieve all that which can be achieved and more. Pluto is strongly connected with destiny and the desire to explore and define destiny whatever the cost. Pluto has been relegated as a ‘non planet’ these days, astronomically, but that does not affect things from an astrological perspective.

Positive influences of Pluto:

- Intense and Single-minded.
- Ambitious.
- Powerful.
- Influential.
- Determined.
- Strong.

Negative influences of Pluto:

- Aggressive and Militant.
- Ruthless.
- Dominant and Overbearing.
- Fanatical.



- Stubborn.
- Extreme.
- Excessive.

Checklist

Key Points So Far:

- The Sun and The Moon are regarded as planets for the purposes of astrology.
- Each planet has its own role and influences.
- The influences exerted by the planets on an individual depend on the way in which their individual forces interact.

Understanding the Zodiac

It is thought that the signs of the zodiac originated in Mesopotamia around 2,000 BC. The Greeks adopted the symbols from the Babylonians and passed them on to the other ancient peoples. The Egyptians gave other names and symbols to the signs of the zodiac.

The Chinese also divided the zodiac into 12 parts but gave the signs animal names:

- Rat.
- Ox.
- Tiger.
- Hare.
- Dragon.
- Serpent.
- Horse.
- Sheep.
- Monkey.
- Hen.
- Dog.
- Pig.

I will explain Chinese astrology in a later lesson of the course.

The Aztec people devised a similar system using animal names but **still** divided their zodiac into 12 equal parts.

The Zodiac and the Celestial Sphere

The zodiac is an imaginary band in what is called the celestial sphere, extending about 8 degrees on either side of the ecliptic, the path the sun appears to trace across the background constellations during the period of a year.

The width of the zodiac was determined originally so as to include the orbits of the Sun and Moon and of the five original planets (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn) that were known to the people of ancient times.

The zodiac is divided into 12 sections of 30 degrees each, which are called the signs of the zodiac. Starting with the position of the sun in the spring (the vernal equinox) and then proceeding east along the ecliptic, each of the divisions is named after the constellation which was situated within its limits around 2,000 BC.

The names of the zodiacal signs are, as you already know are, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces. These are, of course, constellations of stars which (with a large amount of imagination!) trace out the shape of familiar things (e.g. Taurus 'the bull').

Because of the very slow precession of the equinoxes about the ecliptic the position of the signs of the zodiac is different today to that occurring when the system was first devised two thousand years ago. In fact, the first point of the first sign, Aries, moves back (or retrogrades) about one degree each 70 years. Thus, the sign Aries today actually lies in the constellation Pisces.

The movement operates on a 26,000 year cycle so that, in about 24,000 years, when the retrogression will have completed the entire circuit of 360 degrees, the zodiacal signs and constellations will once again coincide. This movement makes no difference to the accuracy of astrology but allowances must be made for it.

It is important to realise that the connection between the signs of the zodiac in astrology and astronomy (the study of the stars) is academic and observing the positions of the various constellations having the same names as the signs of the zodiac, or so-called star gazing, is of little interest to the astrologer, just as astrology is of little interest to the astronomer.

I will now explain each of the signs of the zodiac and their meaning in astrology:

Aries

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by the ram. Those whose birthdays fall between March 21 and April 19 are said to be born under the sun sign of Aries.

Aries, a fire sign, is ruled by the planet Mars.

Aries is considered to be:





- Assertive.
- Pioneering.
- Competitive.
- Courageous.
- Aries has a strong sense of self and is frequently linked with selfishness.
- Aries is headstrong, impulsive and sometimes foolhardy.
- Aries is connected with anger which, however, quickly subsides and mellows.

Astrologers consider many Ariens to be natural athletes and to be drawn to physical activity. Because of the sign's association with the planet Mars (named after the ancient Roman god of war), people born under it are said to like danger and risk. Adventure appeals to Ariens and their natural gift for rushing into projects and activities with enthusiasm can make them successful leaders and good at motivating others.

Professions in which Ariens excel include:

- Medicine (particularly surgery).
- The armed forces.
- Manufacturing especially involving metal or heavy machinery.
- Engineering.
- Carpentry.
- Sporting pursuits.

Taurus

Taurus is the second sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by the bull. People whose birthdays occur between April 20 and May 20 are said to be born under the sun sign of Taurus.

Taurus, an earth sign, is ruled by the planet Venus, named after the ancient Roman goddess of beauty and love.

Taurus is considered to be:

- Loyal.
- Stable.
- Conservative.
- Practical.

Taurus is also thought to be patient, affectionate and good-natured. However, it can reveal a hidden temper. Astrologers regard Taureans as





home-loving and they tend to have strong attachments to people, things and places. They also can be jealous and possessive.

Taureans are not usually fond of change, making the typical Taurus both reliable and committed, as well as inflexible. They have a close relationship with the physical world and have keen senses, appreciating beauty and pleasure in all forms. Taureans tend to be very aware of the value of things, an ability which can make them skilled handlers of money and good judges of the quality of anything, whether goods or people.

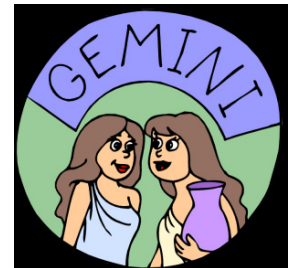
Professions in which Taureans excel include:

- Banking.
- Business, especially trade.
- Accounting.
- Clothing or interior design.
- Property.
- Performing.
- Farming.
- Architecture.

Gemini

Gemini is the third sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by 'the twins'. Those whose birthdays fall between May 21 and June 21 are said to be born under the sun sign of Gemini.

Gemini is an air sign and is ruled by the planet Mercury, named after the ancient Roman messenger god.



Gemini is considered to be:

- Quick-witted.
- Changeable.
- Talkative.
- Versatile.
- Gemini is also sometimes crafty or mischievous. Gemini is linked with good self-expression, wit and intelligence. Gemini is linked with knowledge of all subjects and of acquiring knowledge.

Astrologers believe that typical Geminis have highly developed intellects and that they place greater importance on learning than on emotional or practical issues. However, they consider Geminis to be so clever that they can give the impression of deep emotion or of the practicality of their desires.

It is often the case that Geminis have the ability and often the need, to do more than one thing at a time. Geminis are so interested in everything that they get bored easily and often cannot resist moving on to the next subject, tendencies which can make them seem shallow and superficial.

Professions which are often associated with Geminis include:

- Teaching.
- Journalism.
- Publishing.
- Sales.
- Other professions that require verbal skills and the handling of information.

Cancer

Cancer is the fourth sign of the zodiac, symbolised by a crab. People whose birthdays occur between June 22 and July 22 are said to be born under the sun sign of Cancer.

According to astrologers, the moon rules Cancer, which is a water sign.

Cancer is the sign of:

- Maturity.
- The emotions.
- Sensitivity.
- A conservative nature and a liking for security.
- Due to the sign's natural association with the moon, Cancer is often related to mood swings, from depression to euphoria.

Astrologers say Cancerians are artistic, have vivid imaginations and have highly developed memories. Like people born under other water signs, Cancerians are thought to be much more aware of how they feel than what they think. Cancer's powers to sense other people's needs and emotions makes them sympathetic and considerate and often personable and easy to get along with.

Cancer's influence is said to cause people to place great importance on family and crave security. They often withdraw into themselves for protection. It is often the case that Cancerians can have difficulty being objective and are easily crushed by criticism. Astrologers also say that Cancerians worry too much.

Professions associated with the sign Cancer include:

- Ones related to domestic activities such as hospitality, cookery, catering, childcare.





- Property.
- Writing.
- Art.

Leo

Leo is the fifth sign of the zodiac and symbolised by a lion. Those whose birthdays fall from July 23 to August 22 are born under the sun sign of Leo.

The sun rules Leo, which is a fire sign.

Leo is the sign of:

- Generosity.
- Compassion.
- A likeable nature.
- Leo is the sign of protection, of caring and consideration. It is also a sign of sensitivity and the need for attention. Astrologers often think that Leos tend to be excessively fond of praise and can be easily influenced by others. They consider Leos to be creative and dramatic. Leos usually have good organisational skills and make natural leaders. Leos love to enjoy themselves and believe that life is not worth living unless it is filled with some degree of luxury and style. Night life, games and parties (particularly casinos and gambling appeal) to the Leo sense of enjoyment.

Leos are said to believe they deserve the best and often this belief attracts good things to them. The typical Leo makes bigger and bolder plans than most other signs do. Even if these plans fail, Leos can usually look on the bright side, sometimes to the point of being unrealistic.

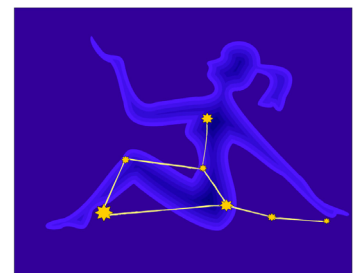
Jobs and professions frequently associated with Leos include:

- Entertainment, including performing and promoting.
- The arts.
- Beauty and cosmetics.
- Investing and gambling.

Virgo

Virgo is the sixth sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by a virgin. People whose birthdays fall from August 23 to September 22 are said to be born under the sun sign of Virgo.

Virgo, an earth sign, is ruled by the planet Mercury,



named after the ancient Roman messenger god.

Virgo is the sign of:

- Practicality and a no-nonsense approach.
- Communication.
- Negotiation.
- Application.
- It also reveals a talkative, critical, discriminating or questioning nature. Virgos usually have a great concern for health and hygiene. They also like to be well-groomed and keep themselves and their homes or places of work very tidy and organised.

Virgos are said to be detail-oriented, analytical, intelligent and hard-working. They handle complex tasks with seeming effortless because they are flexible and good organisers. They are said to be more concerned with doing their jobs well than with personal acclaim and as a result tend to be humble. They also can be perfectionists and worry when projects or situations do not meet their high standards.

Professions traditionally associated with the sign Virgo include:

- Nursing and the caring professions.
- Jobs in the service industries, health, secretarial or office work.
- Teaching or lecturing.

Libra

Libra is the seventh sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by the scales. Those whose birthdays occur between September 23 and October 22 are born under the sun sign of Libra.

The planet Venus rules Libra and it is regarded as an air sign.

Libra is the sign of:

- Diplomacy and tact.
- Refinement.
- Intelligence and thoughtfulness.
- Warmth and a social personality.

Because of the sign's relationship with the planet Venus (named after the ancient Roman goddess of beauty and love) Libra is heavily linked with romance and close personal relationships. Typical Librans, however, look for an idealised meeting of the minds in an atmosphere of calm, refinement and conciliation. They do not place much importance on deep emotional intimacy or physical passion. Librans particularly crave comfort and luxury.

Librans are regarded as having a strong sense of justice. They carefully weigh opposing sides of any issue and are keenly aware of other people's





opinions. Although Librans like to take leadership roles, their need to be fair and to please everyone equally can sometimes make them indecisive. Librans are often good mediators and always diplomatic. They will always try to avoid confrontation and conflict.

Professions which are believed to suit Librans well include:

- The law and politics.
- The arts or design.
- Counselling.

Scorpio

Scorpio is the eighth sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by a scorpion. Those whose birthdays fall between October 23 and November 21 are born under the sun sign of Scorpio.

The planet Pluto rules Scorpio, which is a water sign.

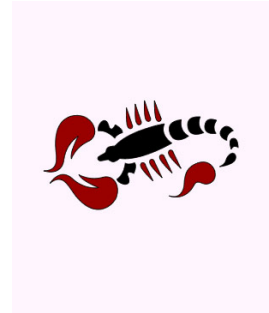
Scorpio is the sign of:

- Energy.
- Passion.
- Intuition.
- Secrecy.
- It is the sign of self-control, will, stubbornness and, in some cases, jealousy. Scorpios are thought to be keen observers of people and potentially calculating and manipulative. Seeing more of people's deepest motivations than others do, they have a tendency to be cynical. They are sensitive and never forget an insult from others making it extremely difficult for them to 'forgive and forget'.

Scorpio is perhaps the most extreme of all signs. The intensity and focus of Scorpios gives them great ability to see a project through despite all obstacles. Their strong leadership qualities, incisive analytic abilities, energy and desire for financial security can make them motivated career people. Many Scorpios also like to dance with danger and push themselves and those close to them to their limits.

Professions which are often associated with Scorpios include:

- The police and other aspects of law enforcement.
- The armed forces.
- Medicine.
- Business and the environment.

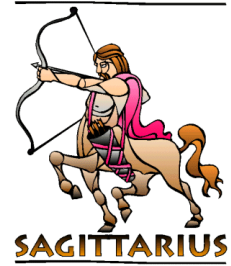




Sagittarius

Sagittarius is the ninth sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by an archer. Those with birthdays between November 22 to December 21 are said to be born under the sun sign of Sagittarius.

Sagittarius, a fire sign, is ruled by the planet Jupiter, named after the wise ruler of the ancient Roman gods.



Sagittarius is the sign of:

- Fun-loving, friendly personalities.
- Intellect and philosophy.
- A straightforward and expansive nature.

Sagittarians are optimistic and sometimes have an unrealistic belief that everything will turn out well despite any obstacles. Good luck often follows typical Sagittarians and because whatever they need usually comes effortlessly to them, they tend to be generous and willing to share whatever they have with others. Sagittarians also value frankness and honesty and their comments can sometimes be blunt.

Sagittarians normally dislike being confined or restricted. They crave adventure and like to travel. Sagittarians need to have freedom of thought and ideas, but they otherwise tend to be fairly conventional and respect tradition.

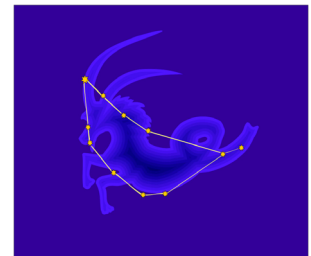
Professions traditionally associated with Sagittarians include:

- Higher education.
- Law.
- Medicine.
- Business enterprises connected with foreign countries (such as international trade). Writing and publishing.

Capricorn

Capricorn is the tenth sign of the zodiac, symbolised by a goat. Those whose birthdays fall between December 22 and January 19 are born under the sun sign of Capricorn.

The planet Saturn rules Capricorn, which is an earth sign.



Capricorn is the sign of:

- Responsibility.
- Discipline.



- Practicality and method.
- Caution, seriousness and sometimes pessimism.

Capricorns relate to hard work, effort and determination – to achieve goals and aims. Typical Capricorns are aloof and shy, sometimes even awkward, because they stay so focused on responsibility. To them life is serious business and they sometimes have difficulty relaxing and having fun. Because of this many Capricorns are lonely.

Capricorns always respect power, authority, structure, tradition and old ideas or possessions whose value and durability are tested by time. Capricorns are ambitious and they typically are not satisfied unless they have reached a level of power and authority. They have a deep need for security, especially financial and often will work very hard to get rich.

Jobs and careers often associated with Capricorn include:

- Banking and government.
- Mining, farming and construction.
- In business (they make good business men and women).

Aquarius

Aquarius is the 11th sign of the zodiac and is symbolised by the water-carrier. Aquarians have birth dates between January 20 and February 18.

Aquarius is ruled by the planet Uranus and is an air sign.

Aquarius is the sign of:

- Brilliance and vision.
- Curiosity and open-mindedness.
- Originality.
- Independence and, in many cases, eccentricity.
- It is also a sign which reveals friendliness and sociability or, conversely, a tendency to be emotionally detached. According to astrologers, Aquarians have a highly developed sense of social equality and often are attracted to politics or pressure groups.

As with other air signs, Aquarians are said to be less concerned with practical and physical matters than with intellectual pursuits. They feel most comfortable in the world of ideas. They find situations that require emotional responses, such as personal relationships, to be difficult. It is believed that Aquarians have lightning-fast insight and vision and can quickly grasp abstract concepts.





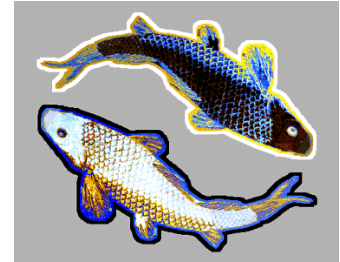
Jobs and careers at which Aquarians normally excel include:

- Inventing, research and development.
- Astrology.
- Communications and politics.
- Computer sciences and electronics.

Pisces

Pisces is the 12th sign of the zodiac, symbolised by the fish. Those whose birthdays fall between February 19 and March 20 are born under the sun sign of Pisces.

The planet Neptune rules Pisces, which is a water sign.



Pisces is the sign of:

- Sensitivity.
- Emotion.
- Brilliance.
- Mystery.

It also reveals a great spirit of creativity. Pisceans can be idealistic and impressionable. Often the world gets too overbearing for them. To escape unpleasant necessities, some Pisceans retreat into their own dreams and fantasies and become shy and withdrawn.

Others enjoy escapism through more positive means such as through charity work, the arts, religion and meditation. Pisceans make good listeners, can see different sides of issues and often have great sympathy for the suffering of others.

In most cases Pisceans do not have great stamina. Pisceans can be delicate and vulnerable to illness, especially when under stress. However, they are capable of great strength, in part because they are adaptable and are able to avoid difficult situations. They also have the ability to take life on and win.

Professions often associated with Pisceans are:

- Music, film, dance and other arts.
- Charitable work and counseling.
- Work in the chemical or pharmaceutical industries.
- The church and nursing.

Understanding the Houses

The term 'houses', as used in astrology, is simply a term used to describe divisions of the birth chart beginning at the ascendant and progressing in an anticlockwise direction. There are many systems for dividing up the houses but the most common is **the Equal House System**, with each house occupying 30 degrees of the circle.

Planets are interpreted according to their house position and signs and planets are also linked to the houses. For example, Mars is said to rule the first house.

These are the areas of an individual's character to which each house in their birth chart relates:



- 1st house Community, person.
- 2nd house Possessions and security.
- 3rd house Communication.
- 4th house Home and family.
- 5th house Creativity, art, culture. Children.
- 6th house Health.
- 7th house Relationships.
- 8th house Resources.
- 9th house The intellectual, travel.
- 10th house Jobs and careers.
- 11th house Relationship of self to a group.
- 12th house Escapism, solitude.

Checklist

Key Points So Far:

- Various systems have been adopted for naming the signs of the zodiac, but they all display remarkable similarity.
- The zodiac is a belt in the celestial sphere (background stars) through which the sun passes over the course of a year.
- Due to the passage of time constellations actually occupy different positions today to those which they occupied when the system was created. (You may have heard of the 'age of Pisces' or the 'age of Aquarius')

More Astrological Terms to Understand

In this section I explain some more of the main terms and concepts in astrology. You will use these terms in the next lesson. For now, simply aim to understand the meaning of the various terms so that you are ready to use them in the next lesson.

Polarity

The signs are divided into two groups according to their polarity:

Positive (or masculine) signs: Aries, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Aquarius.

Negative (or feminine) signs: Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces.

The polarity of a sign indicates its **attitude** and not if it's good or bad.

Positive signs tend to be extrovert and their attitudes are aimed towards and focussed upon events and individuals other than themselves. They are outgoing and sociable and seek reassurance.

Negative signs tend to be introvert and their attitudes are directed at themselves and based upon on their own ideas and beliefs. They are more self reliant.

Polarity is not necessarily related to being male or female even though the terms masculine and feminine are used.

Triplicities

The signs are divided into four groups of three signs each represented by an element:

- **Fire:** Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.
- **Earth:** Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn.
- **Air:** Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.
- **Water:** Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.





This relationship is known as **triplicity** and it represents **temperament** when preparing the horoscope.

- **Fire signs** are energetic and assertive.
- **Earth signs** are restrained.
- **Air signs** are communicative and at one with the environment.
- **Water signs** are emotional and temperamental.

It is often the case, in fact, that signs of a particular type assume the characteristic of the sign which rules them. Hence, for example, fire signs are hot and fiery. Don't, however, take this connection too literally.

Quadruplicities

The concept of quadruplicity divides the signs into three groups of four signs each:

Cardinal: Aries, Cancer, Libra, Capricorn.

Fixed: Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius.

Mutable: Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces.

The quadruplicity of a sign represents its **mental type**.

- **Cardinal signs** are direct, frank and uncomplicated.
- **Fixed signs** are rigid, routine-liking and determined.
- **Mutable signs** are flexible and adaptable.

An Important Concept to Understand

The following terms relate to the position and inter-relationship of the signs, planets and special lines once they are charted on the birth chart. We will look at constructing and interpreting the birth chart in the next lesson. For now, however, just concentrate on the meanings of the different terms.

Basic principle: To understand these concepts better a good technique is to imagine yourself stood on the earth looking out into outer space. Imagine that the planets are passing through their orbits and drawing imaginary lines around the earth as they do so. Also imagine a series of imaginary lines drawn around the earth as reference points.

This system is the origin of the birth chart. It is these lines, the positions between them, the angles and aspects and how they differ and the positions



of the planets and the ‘forces’ they exert upon each other which is the basis of astrology.

Once the lines are plotted they make up what is known as the **Celestial Sphere**.

The Horizon

The horizon represents, not surprisingly, the horizon as viewed from earth, set at right angles to the meridian.

The Meridian

The meridian is a great circle passing through the poles of the horizon (the zenith and the nadir).

The Ecliptic

As already discussed, the ecliptic relates to the sun’s path around the earth (the early astrologers believed that the sun orbited the earth).

The MC

MC, Midheaven or Medium Coeli as it is known in Latin: This is the intersection of the ecliptic with the meridian at the highest point.

The IC

IC or Imum Coeli: This is the intersection of the ecliptic with the meridian at the lowest point.

The Ascendant

The point at which the sun rises above the horizon as it continues through its orbit.



The Descendant

The point at which the sun falls below the horizon as it continues through its orbit.

Aspects

The term aspect relates to the number of degrees between one planet and another planet, or a planet and an angle as they orbit together. The type of aspect governs the force which one planet exerts against another.

There are many different aspects in astrology. However, the main ones are as follows:

Aspect	Degrees	Strength	Symbol
Conjunction	0	Powerful	
Semi-Square	45	Uneasy	



Sextile	60	Easy	
Square	90	Uneasy	
Trine	120	Easy	
Sesquiquadrate	135	Uneasy	
Opposition	180	Uneasy	

An astrologer can gather and relate much useful information based upon their study of the different aspects and their degree.

Angles

In astrology an angle is an angle between different lines on the birth or natal chart.

Astrologers study various different angles of an individual's birth chart, but the four most important ones are what is known as the **Me, Us, You** and **Them Sectors**:

Me Sector

- 16 degrees centring on the ascendant. Relates to a situation where your relationship with the environment is based on self-centred interests, self-preservation and self-choice or free will.

Us Sector

- 16 degrees centring on the IC. Relates to a situation where your relationship to the environment is based on shared interests, relationships and mutual activities.

You Sector

- 16 degrees centring on the descendant. Relates to a situation where your relationship with the environment is based on someone else's interests and desires. What happens to you is largely governed by decisions that someone else's takes.

Them Sector

- 16 degrees centring on the MC. Relates to a situation where your relationship with the environment is based on your concern for the world and society in general. What happens to you is largely governed by a need to fit in, to comply and to contribute.

An astrologer can gather and relate much useful information based upon their study of the different aspects to the angles.



The Celestial Sphere

Synastry

In astrology, **synastry** describes the practice of comparing two birth charts to check for compatibility or, similarly, incompatibility

Synastry is most often carried out for two people who intend to become partners in life or, perhaps, business partners. The procedure is to prepare birth charts for both individuals and make comparisons. Ideally a reading should then be given to both parties.

Progressions & Transits

The concepts of progressions and transits are directly connected with the prediction uses of astrology. In simple terms, they relate to projecting the paths of the planets beyond that of the past out into the future. By examining these paths and the inter-relationships into the future you can therefore suggest what the future holds for your client

A progression is a technique for plotting the future positions of the planets (and hence their impact on the future of a client) usually on a day for a year method where each day after the birth date represents a year of the future life. In this regard the technique is symbolic but used by many astrologers with good effect.

A transit is a technique for comparing the aspect between orbiting planets and the planet which relates to a client for dates in the future and considering their impact on the individual. This is done by reference to an Ephemeris, a scientifically calculated list of the daily positions of the planets.

An important aspect of this type of study is spotting **patterns and trends** from the past and relating them to the future, hence producing a meaningful prediction reading.

The practical uses of these techniques will be considered in the next lesson. For now, simply concentrate on understanding what they mean.

Checklist

Key Points So Far:

- The celestial sphere is a way of understanding and organising the forces of the astronomical bodies.
- Polarity, triplicity and quadruplicity help understand the way in which each sign behaves.
- Angles and aspects are the way in which astrologers explore the relationships between the signs.

Extra Help

The involvement of the Chaldeans in the development of astrology:



The Chaldeans developed one of the original forms of astrology back in 3,000BC.

During the 1500s the understanding of astrology changed:

Astronomers discovered that the planets were in orbit around the sun, not around the earth as had originally been thought. It is this belief upon which astrology still rests.

The three components the birth data consists of are:

A client's date of birth, time of birth and place of birth.

For the purposes of astrology the sun and the moon:

The sun and moon are regarded as 'planets', since astrology was developed in the days when this was believed to be the case and, indeed, when observed from earth the sun (as well as the moon) does appear to orbit the earth.

The zodiac is:

The zodiac is an imaginary band in the celestial sphere. It is divided into 12 sections of 30 degrees each, each of which is represented by one of the signs of the zodiac. The names of the zodiacal signs are Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces. These correspond to the actual pattern of background stars in front of which the sun passes over 12 months.

The concept of polarity:

The signs of the zodiac are divided into two groups according to their polarity: Positive (or masculine) signs are Virgo, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Aquarius. Negative (or feminine) signs are Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Pisces.

The polarity of a sign indicates its attitude. Positive signs tend to be extrovert and their attitudes are aimed towards and focussed upon events and individuals other than themselves. They are outgoing and sociable and seek reassurance. Negative signs tend to be introvert and their attitudes are directed at themselves and based upon on their own ideas and beliefs. They are more self reliant.

The concept of triplicity:

The signs are divided into four groups of three signs, each represented by an element – Fire: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius; Earth: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn; Air: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius; Water: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

This relationship is known as triplicity and it represents temperament when preparing the horoscope. Fire signs are energetic and assertive. Earth signs are restrained and considered. Air signs are communicative and at one with the environment. Water signs are emotional and temperamental.



The ecliptic is:

A horoscope is built up around a circle called the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the plane on which the earth orbits around the sun in a year and thus the plane in which the sun appears to move with respect to us. This is divided into twelve sections, called the signs of the zodiac, which relate to a twelfth of each year and which have been given the familiar zodiacal names relating to actual astronomical star groupings which roughly resemble the imagined animal. Figure etc.

As far as astrologers are concerned, an angle is:

In astrology an angle is an angle between different lines on the birth or natal chart. Astrologers study various different angles of an individual's birth chart to enhance their reading.

The celestial sphere is:

The celestial sphere is an imaginary pattern of lines around the earth depicting the orbits of the planets. The celestial sphere is a way of understanding and organising the influences of the astronomical bodies.

Conclusion for This Lesson

Congratulations! You now have a basic knowledge of the history of western astrology, the zodiac, the planets, the houses and basic terms and concepts used in astrology

The really exciting news is that all of this knowledge takes you a step nearer towards becoming a serious player in this billion pound business

If you want more leisure time and a lifestyle where you call the shots, all you have to do is simply study each of the lessons and learn the art of prediction. Then you can set about establishing your fortune telling business.

Have fun and I look forward to joining you for the next lesson, when I continue to explain this fascinating and lucrative world!

Sarah Rhinegold